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**ABOVE: Dental Research Center construction began in 1965 (shown above). At the time of its dedication in 1967, the center was designated one of five regional dental research institutes in the nation to be sponsored by the National Institute for Dental Research. To see an image from the DRC dedication, please see the back cover.**

**ON THE COVER: A design image of the Dental Sciences Building, as it would look from the South Columbia approach to Manning Drive.**

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# Dear Alumni and Friends:

All of us who work to sustain and advance oral health are certainly attentive to the future of dentistry. Research is an increasingly significant part of that future; compelling discoveries are finding quicker translation from the laboratory to the operatory. In many cases, these research discoveries exceed what we previously thought was possible — which is exactly what research should do.

During first-year DDS orientation, I told members of the Class of 2012 that they had the distinction



of watching the future of dentistry being created right before their eyes during their time at the School: the Dental Sciences Building

construction project began in dramatic fashion soon after they arrived, with the demolition of the Dental Research Center and Dental Office Building by the end of October. We remain very hopeful that — serious budget issues for our state notwithstanding — the actual construction of this state-of-the-art facility will begin in 2009.

In reflecting on our School's history, I'm sure Old Dental Building, Brauer Hall and Tarrson Hall — three other "giants" of the School's complex — provided the same inspiration and promise as the Dental Sciences Building when they were in their planning stages. We've certainly seen that promise realized in the case of all three. And I have to mention the now-demolished

Dental Research Center, which was crucial in helping the School establish national leadership in patient-centered research.

Looking back on the difference these buildings have made in helping this School advance oral health within our state can only increase our excitement for the Dental Sciences Building.

Continuing on the subject of research, a few months ago I read about a University of Florida study suggesting a possible link between chronic ear infections and obesity. These fascinating study findings resulted from research led by UF's College of Dentistry. A bit surprising, isn't it? Ear infections, obesity, dentistry — maybe these are not associations we would naturally make, but our world will see many more such intriguing discoveries in the coming decade.

Our own UNC School of Dentistry recently established its North Carolina Oral Health Institute, which will stress collaborative new ways to combine research and community partnerships to advance patient care. The

Institute plans to collaborate with communities statewide, other academic units at UNC, other UNC system universities and state agencies in its important work on behalf of our state's citizens.

The Institute is temporarily located at the School's leased Research Triangle Park space during the Dental Sciences Building construction process.

Our School of Dentistry's research faculty and staff are to be commended for their forward-thinking approach and for making collaboration with other health affairs schools on- and off-campus and state programs a priority for the Institute. With programs like this, internationally recognized faculty, committed staff, talented students and a 216,000-square-foot Dental Sciences Building project, this School is well-positioned to sustain and enhance its national leadership in education and research.

If you have traveled to our School of Dentistry in the past few months, you likely have thought about the future of dentistry on the UNC campus, as represented



**First-year dental students Heather Hendricks (left), Rebecca Glover and Justin Edelman stand with Dean John N. Williams in the construction site for the Dental Sciences Building project. Williams said that the Class of 2012 “will progress in knowledge and competence as construction progresses on a building that will help support the future of dental education, research and service at UNC.”**

specifically by our very visible construction site. People coming to campus for a football or basketball game in the coming years likely will do the same, as they view this huge and well-organized work site prominently located at one heavily trafficked campus entrance.

Each day that I drive past construction barricades near the School, I think of the tremendous support that has made this building

project possible: the University and University of North Carolina leadership, the North Carolina General Assembly, Governor Mike Easley, and our School’s faculty, staff, students and alumni. When this building is constructed, we will marvel at the 220-seat lecture hall, flexible laboratory space and other innovative features – but we will marvel most of all at how this building will offer us unprecedented

opportunities to serve our state through dental education, research and service.

Thank you for your important support in helping us “construct” our future.

Happy New Year to you and your families.

John N. Williams

## *Hansbrough Joins School as Associate Director of Development*

Tami Hansbrough, an experienced professional within medical marketing and non-profit fundraising, has joined the UNC School of Dentistry as associate director of development.



**Hansbrough**

Hansbrough joined the School on Dec. 8, 2008. In her new role, she will serve as a fundraiser specializing in major gifts and supervise an annual fund program focused on alumni and friends within North Carolina and beyond. She will work with Dean John N. Williams and Brad Bodager, assistant dean for advancement, to

develop and implement strategies to sustain and increase support for the School of Dentistry.

“Extremely effective at establishing, building and maintaining donor relationships, Tami has a track record of success in securing donor support for humanitarian causes and promoting the education of underserved populations,” Bodager said. “Tami has displayed understanding and great respect for the work and goals of the health professions. I am confident she will be particularly effective in communicating and advancing the goals of the UNC School of Dentistry.”

Hansbrough received her

bachelor’s degree from Southeast Missouri State University and has led marketing efforts related to medical organizations and outreach – including her leadership of the first women’s health fair in her former state of Missouri.

“I am excited for the opportunity to join the UNC Dental School and the development team,” Hansbrough said. “Together, I believe we can build on the rich tradition of the School for an even brighter future. I look forward to working with the alumni, faculty and staff to attain the goals of the School of Dentistry.”

# 2009 Continuing Dental Education Calendar

January 17–22	Managing Risks in Dentistry - CDE at SEA Cruise to Jamaica and the Grand Cayman Islands
January 21–March 25	Radiography Training for Office-Trained Dental Assistants
January 30	Hot Topics in Dentistry 2009
January 30	Dental Sedation: Physical Assessment and Pharmacology of Drugs
February 20	Esthetic and Conservative Operative Dentistry for General Practitioners: Anterior Composites
February 20	The Continuum of Dental Care: “Pediatrics to Geriatrics” – Risk Issues at the Juncture of Dentists, Physicians, and Attorneys
March 13	Principal Applications of Radiation Safety
March 13–14	Crown and Bridge Preparation Course: A Hands-on Review
March 20	The Epidemiology of Infection Control in Dentistry: Principles and Particulars of Protection (SPICE)
March 27	Ready, Set, Grow: Pathways for Healthy Living for Toddlers, Adolescents and Adults featuring Rhonda Gates
March 28	Coronal Tooth Polishing for the Dental Assistant II
April 3	25th Annual R.J. Shankle Lecture
April 3	The 22nd Annual Roy B. Harrell Symposium: Climate Change in Dental Sedation and Building the Next Generation of Dental Professionals
April 17	Third Annual L.D. Pankey Lecture: Occlusion and the Longevity of Implants
April 24	13th Annual Dental Hygiene Lecture - The Role of the Dental Hygienist in Oral Care and Systemic Health: News You Can Use!
April 24	Update in Oral Surgery for General Practitioners
May 8	Esthetic and Conservative Operative Dentistry for General Practitioners: Posterior Composites
May 29	11th Annual Straumann Lecture: Periodontal and Implant Therapies in Clinical Practice ~ Reality vs. Hype featuring Dr. Paul Fugazzotto
June 4–5	Update in General Practice 2009
June 18–20	26th Annual Dental Review at Myrtle Beach
June 26–27	Improving Treatment Strategy for Patients with Class II and Class III Malocclusions featuring Dr. Tiziano Baccetti
July 11–14	Carolina Institute for Dental Radiology Educators 2009
July 15–17	Oral Pathology Institute 2009

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# Roth Asks Graduates to 'Keep an Eye to Service'

*Following is the commencement address given by Dr. Kathleen Roth at the UNC School of Dentistry's 55th Honors Convocation on May 11, 2008.*

*Roth is past president of the American Dental Association and a dentist in general practice in West Bend, Wis. She completed her term as ADA president in October 2007—the second woman to serve as ADA president since the organization's creation in 1859.*

Dean Williams, distinguished guests, family, friends and our 2008 graduates!!

It is a pleasure for me to be here today to celebrate this important day in your life!

Congratulations to all of you wearing that cap and gown tonight. I have to recognize how refreshing and special it is to see those of you receiving your dental degrees, all of our dental specialty groups, as well as dental hygiene and dental assisting, awarded your degrees today in the same ceremony at the same time. The entire dental team is here, and that speaks volumes for the work we do and how important it is to understand what each of you bring to the profession! Congratulations to UNC for recognizing that!!



This moment is filled with pride for each of you; but today, no one can be more proud of you and your accomplishments than your family, spouse, parents and other loved ones here today. We all realize the efforts and support it took to reach graduation day, and having your loved ones supporting you throughout the years has made all the difference in the world.

So to all of you in the support role of these graduates, smile with pride and know that their hearts are filled with gratitude!

Hard work, dynamic and challenging dental education has been your day-to-day commitment over the past few years. Today each of you can now begin in dental practice, perhaps that advanced training in graduate school programs, or embark on an academic career! Some of you will find that "perfect fit" established dental practice to partner. Every one of you will begin tomorrow morning building the dental dreams that seem perfect for you.

As new colleagues, you will be faced with many challenges and limitless opportunities!

Today, entering the profession is certainly not the completion of your education, however. Dentistry is a commitment to lifelong learning – continuously seeking out the new science as it unfolds, integrating new technologies into your daily practice environment and appreciating developing treatment alternatives supported by better understanding of the human body.

Dentistry has changed remarkably in the time since I wore my cap and gown on graduation day. You will find that embracing new technology and science is energizing both to you personally in practice as well as to the profession. But the commitment to continual educational growth and understanding is critical for all of us.

As you create your professional life, you will also be establishing yourself as a leader in the community. You will find that, over time, your community will respect your

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DR. KATHLEEN ROTH

views, and much will be asked of each of you. Take this earned respect and volunteer, bring others together and enhance the community you choose to live in with dynamic interaction beyond your dental profession.

If all of us take the opportunity to open doors, develop programs and improve our “own little corner of the world,” our children and grandchildren will be the ones to profit.

Keep an eye to service. We are a profession built on improving oral health, and each of us holds a responsibility to find ways to treat those with resources, as well as the less fortunate. The dean and faculty here today testify to the fact that all of you have the skills and knowledge to succeed in your area of the dental profession. With those skills, we all have an ethical responsibility to improve oral health for the needy.

My challenge to each of you is “find a way for this to play a role” in your day-to-day life, always reaching for those in unfortunate times to be included in your professional care.

I invite all of you to actively participate in the professional organization – whether it is at the ADA, in the state associations, and

### BY THE NUMBERS

Degrees awarded May 11, 2008

81

Doctor of Dental Surgery

20

Dental Hygiene (Baccalaureate)

16

Dental Hygiene (Certificate)

19

Dental Assisting

31

Advanced Education

certainly at your local community level, you need to interact and network with colleagues in our field. Your voice and vision are important for growth of the profession. Never did I imagine when I joined my local component dental society after graduation that someday I would become the ADA president! Perhaps a future ADA president is in this class right now!!

When someone approaches you to volunteer for a program or project, I encourage you to always try to say “yes.” I have found that

every opportunity has opened doors and resulted in an enormous personal growth experience.

Give back to this school. Our profession and your institution need the ongoing support and commitment of time, talent and treasure to ensure that dentistry remains the strong, well-respected profession for our children and grandchildren in years to come. You each have a debt of gratitude to share as alumni of this fine institution.

And foremost, I challenge each of you to find a balance of life. Building your dental practice, engaging in the community you choose, providing a voice to the profession – that will take a considerable amount of time. But always remember to put your family and faith first. As each day draws to a close, the leftovers of our time are not meant to be spent with family. Strive to balance your time to give those you love the best of your energy, and find happiness in every day!

So, let me be the first to welcome you to the profession, a day of celebration!! Congratulations to each of you, and may you enjoy dentistry as much as I have throughout my life!

# *In Memory of*

## Dr. Clifford Max Sturdevant, Leader in Operative Dentistry and Founding Faculty Member

Dr. Clifford Max Sturdevant, an international leader in operative dentistry and one of the first faculty members of the UNC School of Dentistry, passed away Sept. 9, 2008, at the age of 90.

Sturdevant arrived at the School of Dentistry in July 1950 as one of the four founding faculty members of the newly created School. He joined the faculty with his father, Dr. Roger Sturdevant.

After the elder Sturdevant retired as the founding chairman of the Department of Operative Dentistry, his son Cliff became the department's second chairman, serving in that role from 1959 to 1979.

Dr. Ted Roberson, who served almost four decades on the operative dentistry faculty and is now executive director of the Dental Alumni Association, remembers Sturdevant coming to him when he was a fourth-year DDS student and asking him to join the faculty.

"It was a real honor that he asked me to join the faculty and gave me such opportunities throughout my career, and that I was able to follow him as the department's chair," Roberson said. "He demanded excellence and that's what he always displayed himself. He loved this dental school and this University, and he loved operative dentistry."



**Dr. Clifford Sturdevant loved animals, especially dogs, said his son, Dr. John Sturdevant. Tico, the Irish setter pictured here, belonged to a neighbor of Dr. John Sturdevant's family.**

Sturdevant retired from the School's faculty in 1980, earning the distinction of being the School's first faculty member to retire with 30 years of service.

During his career, "Dr. Cliff," as he was known to the School community, amassed major achievements in dental research, scholarship and education. He was

one of the School's first researchers, receiving a U.S. Bureau of Standards grant to study dental materials, and also established one of the nation's first clinical research programs in operative dentistry and biomaterials at UNC in 1970.

"Many of the restorative materials and techniques in use today in operative dentistry have in

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some way been pioneered or evaluated by the clinical research program in operative dentistry at UNC,” said Dr. Al Wilder, a professor of operative dentistry and director of the clinical research program in the department.

He also was the first editor and author of *The Art and Science of Operative Dentistry*, which became the bestselling operative dentistry textbook worldwide. Roberson, who is now editor for the textbook, asked the publisher to change the

title to *Sturdevant's Art and Science of Operative Dentistry* to reflect Sturdevant's scholastic contribution to operative dentistry. The textbook is now in its fifth edition 40 years after its first printing in 1968 and remains an international standard.

Another example of his national contribution to dental education was his leadership within Project ACORDE (A Consortium on Restorative Dentistry Education), created in the mid-1970s to

**Dr. Clifford Sturdevant, seated at far left, is pictured at the 2006 book signing for the fifth edition of *Sturdevant's Art and Science of Operative Dentistry*. Also seated are, left to right, Drs. Ed Swift, Ted Roberson, Harald Heymann and Doug Strickland. Standing, left to right, are Drs. Andre Ritter, Dan Shugars, Lee Sockwell, Al Wilder and John Sturdevant.**



## Thoughts on an Exemplary Leader in Dental Education

“Classmates often teased me about Dr. Cliff’s textbook being my Bible and that I slept with it under my pillow. Among the top honors ever given to me was Dr. Cliff’s asking me to consider staying on the dental school faculty near the end of my sophomore year. Thanks to Dr. Cliff, I have practiced dentistry 35-plus years, trying to do so with excellence, never knowing when he might see the restorative. He did so on a couple of occasions!”

Dr. R. Lee Warren  
*UNC DDS Class of 1972*

“Dr. Cliff had a profound and lasting impact on my career and my life. Not only was he the consummate perfectionist, but also his passion for dentistry was infectious. He instilled in me that there is no substitute for clinical excellence. More importantly, Dr. Cliff was one of the finest human beings I have ever known. He was a caring and gentle man whose faith was manifested daily in his life. He was a great mentor and example to all who knew him. Dr. Cliff was a giant in dentistry who will be sorely missed by many.”

Dr. Harald O. Heymann  
*professor and graduate program director, Department of Operative Dentistry, UNC School of Dentistry  
UNC DDS Class of 1978*

“I did not have the opportunity to learn directly from Dr. Sturdevant, but I had the privilege of learning from his book – which has been and continues to be one of the most important influences on my development as a dental student, practitioner and educator. I am grateful that I came to know Dr. Sturdevant personally; certainly, each day, I see how his influence and attention to excellence continue to guide the School of Dentistry.”

Dr. John N. Williams  
*dean, UNC School of Dentistry*

“Because I did not attend dental school at UNC, I did not have the privilege of knowing Dr. Cliff as his student. However, I got to know him quite well since I joined the faculty here. The main thing I will remember about him is that he always made it a point to tell me what a great job I was doing – even when I wasn’t so sure of that myself!”

Dr. Edward J. Swift Jr.  
*chairman, Department of Operative Dentistry, UNC School of Dentistry*



**Dr. Roger E. Sturdevant, standing at far right, and Dr. Clifford M. Sturdevant, standing at left, were among the founding faculty at the UNC School of Dentistry. They are pictured here teaching dental anatomy — within a Quonset hut classroom — to the first DDS class.**

standardize operative dentistry teaching materials throughout all U.S. dental schools. He also served as president of the Academy of Operative Dentistry in 1975.

Even after Sturdevant retired in 1980, he remained deeply committed to the School's future, said Dr. Ken May, the School's vice dean and a member of the Department of Operative Dentistry's faculty for the past 32 years.

"He was a true leader in dental education," May said. "His tenacity regarding clinical excellence and with the clinical research program was of the highest rank."

Both May and Wilder remem-

ber hearing, as UNC dental students, the much-repeated story of Sturdevant and Dr. John Brauer, the School's first dean, sometimes passing each other in the parking lot near the dental school in the middle of the night during the School's formative years — Sturdevant leaving work and Brauer coming to work.

Wilder, also a contributing author for *Sturdevant's Art and Science of Operative Dentistry*, said few can equal Sturdevant's commitment to excellence in clinical dentistry.

"The clinical faculty still measures itself by his expectations," Wilder said. "His motto, which sat on his desk, was 'If it's almost right, it's wrong.' When he was kidded about this, he would smile and say it was given to him by his son, John, but the faculty and students knew there was more truth in it than humor."

Sturdevant's son, John, continues the family's commitment to operative dentistry at UNC, serving

as associate professor.

Sturdevant received his DDS degree in 1943 from Atlanta-Southern Dental College, which became the Emory University School of Dentistry. After graduation, he served in the U.S. Army in 1943 and 1944, returning to Emory for a full-time teaching position until he and his father received Brauer's invitation to join the founding faculty at North Carolina's first dental school.

Sturdevant is survived by his three children, Dr. John Sturdevant of Chapel Hill; Barbara Jeanne Andrews of Bangor, Maine; and Paula May Mercer of Richmond, Va.; and by his four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. His wife of more than 67 years, Betty, passed away March 11, 2008.

A graveside service was held Sept. 15 at the Chapel Hill Memorial Cemetery. Following the graveside service, a memorial service was held at Mount Carmel Baptist Church, followed by a reception at the church.

# School Shows Appreciation for Brauers’ Gift of Portrait

The Brauer Hall entrance foyer was the setting for a very special event on Oct. 3, 2008: Dr. Jim Brauer, DDS Class of 1962 and the son of Dean John C. Brauer, traveled with his wife, Beverly, from California to formally present one of his mother’s favorite portraits of Dean Brauer to the School.

Dean John N. Williams spoke to a group of 50 School faculty, staff, students and alumni who had gathered in the sunny foyer for a ceremony honoring the Brauers’ gift. Some in attendance gave their own personal comments on Dean Brauer’s influence. A reception followed the ceremony.

Dr. Jim Brauer said the portrait had been a fixture in his parents’ home for years and years. “I do know that the painting was one of my mother’s [Dora Lee Brauer] favorites.”

The portrait, featuring vibrant yellow, blue and red, speaks to Dean Brauer’s personality, said his son.

“When he walked into a room, there was something about the room. He had such a charisma,



**Top: Dean John N. Williams stands with Dr. Jim Brauer and his wife, Beverly. The Brauers travelled from California to present a “family favorite” portrait of Dean John C. Brauer to the School of Dentistry. Bottom: Dr. Nona Breeland and her husband, Dr. Frank Maness (pictured left), enjoy a conversation with Dr. Jim Brauer. In the background are Nell Laton and Dr. Townsend Holt.**



**Margaret Raynor, left; Dr. Ray Williams; Dr. John Buchanan; Dr. Douglas Strickland and other members of the School of Dentistry community watch the ceremony for the Brauers.**

intelligence and athletic ability. He got more than his share.”

Dean Brauer led the School of Dentistry with remarkable vision, attention to excellence and a determination that this School would also generate knowledge to contribute to the world’s understanding of oral health, Dean Williams said. “There are many people within our School community, some of whom were present for this joyful ceremony, who knew Dean Brauer personally and counted him a crucial mentor in their careers. This was, truly, a very special day in the life of our

School, one that we will remember for a long time.”

Dean Brauer led the School of Dentistry from its inception in 1950 through 1966. During his tenure, he guided the School through tremendous change, including significant increases in student enrollment, the creation of buildings serving education and research missions and the establishment of the Dental Faculty Practice.

The portrait replaces a smaller portrait previously installed in the Brauer Hall foyer.

## *Adjunct Faculty Appreciation Day Draws More Than 80*

Eighty-six School of Dentistry faculty and adjunct faculty members attended Adjunct Faculty Appreciation Day, held May 2, 2008.

“As the name implies, this event is geared completely toward expressing our deep appreciation for your commitment to the dental school,” said Dean John N. Williams in his letter of invitation.

“You have demonstrated your commitment to the School of Dentistry by generously sharing your knowledge and time with students,” Williams said, “and we value this opportunity to thank you for the many ways in which you have informed the educa-

tional life of our School.”

Faculty members heard reports from Williams; Dr. Janet Guthmiller, associate dean for academic affairs; and Dr. Ed Kanoy, fourth-year DDS clinical education director. The afternoon event had an interactive element, allowing faculty members to provide their opinions on the DDS curriculum through a “clicker” system.

Dr. Gardenia A. Searcy of Princeville said the following of the event: “Attending the Adjunct Appreciation Day has given me a deeper desire to teach and to pursue a possible career change toward teaching full- or part-time.”



**Adjunct faculty members weigh in on curriculum issues through the “clicker” system.**

# BOHP Kit Aimed at Making Difference in Infant Oral Health



The UNC School of Dentistry sent members of the graduating Class of 2008 into their careers with their degrees and an important new tool to inform those careers: a Baby Oral Health Program Kit.

The Baby Oral Health Program (BOHP) Kit, a multimedia educational tool produced by the School of Dentistry, is geared toward increasing new and established practitioners' comfort and competence in providing preventive oral health care to preschool-aged children.

The North Carolina Dental Society, North Carolina Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, North Carolina Academy of General Dentistry and National Children's Oral Health Foundation have provided financial support to allow the graduating DDS classes of 2008 and 2009 and all pediatric dental residents to receive the kits

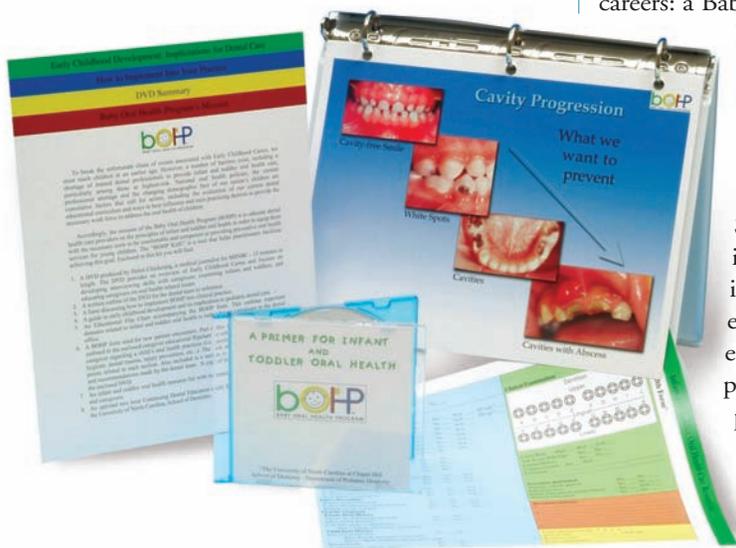
without cost.

The kit is available for \$98.99, plus shipping and handling costs, to dental practitioners nationwide.

"The kits show our appreciation for the students' four years spent with us [the School of Dentistry], welcome these new graduates as colleagues and promote the idea that they can make a difference in the health of children," said Dr. J. Timothy Wright, the Dr. James W. Bawden distinguished professor and chairman of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry.

He added that the support of the partner organizations had been crucial to the development of the BOHP initiative and also reflected the practicing community's widespread appreciation for easy-to-use information on pediatric dental care.

Dr. Rocio Quinonez, clinical assistant professor of pediatric dentistry, has coordinated the project – which involved more than a year spent determining the kit's content, putting that information together and working with the School's senior designer, Mac McCollum, to design a com-



**The Baby Oral Health Program (BOHP) Kit is available for \$98.99, plus shipping and handling. For information on how to order the kit, please visit <http://www.bohp.unc.edu>**



**Dr. Giselle Sloop, Class of 2008, uses the BOHP kit during her days as a dental student.**

pulling “look” for the materials. McCollum designed the logo, and School photographer Ramona Hutton-Howe and Liz Watkins provided the photography.

Kits include information on how to implement BOHP into clinical practice, a DVD on pediatric oral health-related issues, an infant and toddler oral health resource list for the dental team and caregivers, and much more.

“It will take dentists in partnerships with other providers in the community to keep kids cavity-free,” Quinonez said. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently reported a rise in dental caries, with more than 25 percent of U.S. children

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**DR. ROCIO QUINONEZ**  
*clinical assistant professor  
of pediatric dentistry*

between the ages of 2 and 5 experiencing tooth decay.

The goal, in reaching out to graduating dental students, is to help them feel less apprehension in incorporating early childhood

programs within their eventual practices, Quinonez said. One-third of the School’s dental students already have a BOHP rotation; additionally, the Department of Pediatric Dentistry added a summer rotation, in 2008, at Lincoln Health Community Center in Durham.

The education, through the rotation and kit, helps prepare new dental practitioners for questions from their patients concerning pediatric oral health issues and helps them “create an opportunity for healthy oral health practices to be established for even their youngest patients,” Quinonez said.

**This design image, provided by Flad Architects, shows the Dental Sciences Building as viewed from the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health. The planned building will have a main entrance on Columbia Street, with a pedestrian walkway to the right. An overhead pedestrian bridge will complete the building project, carrying people across Manning Drive.**





# Preparations are Under Way for Dental Sciences Building; Two Buildings Demolished to Make Room

By Chrys Bullard '76

Split an empty tin can end to end, plant the sides and what do you have? A scale model of the UNC School of Dentistry's first home: a Quonset hut.

Actually, two Quonset huts: These structures from World War II saw action again in 1950, as the new School awaited completion of its first

permanent building and had to use these huts for classes and labs. The structure now called the Old Dental Building opened in 1952, only to be quickly outgrown. The Dental Research Center opened in 1967 with space enabling the School to establish national leadership in dental discovery but without sufficient flexibility to fully accommodate future growth. *(Continued on next page)*

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“Refrigerators and freezers stood in the hallways,” said Dr. Philip Hirsch, director of the Dental Research Center from 1975 to 1983. “We outgrew the space so fast we had to send part of research back to Old Dental.”

Brauer Hall followed in 1969, the Dental Office Building in 1977 and Tarrson Hall in 1997. Rankings soared as the School achieved national and international prominence, but on campus, an issue reminiscent of the Quonset-hut days remained: insufficient space and infrastructure.

## ALL UNDER ONE BEAUTIFUL ROOF

The Dental Sciences Building, – when completed in late 2011, by current projections – will be the limestone, brick, glass and steel of student education, patient-centered research discovery and engagement with the University community and beyond.

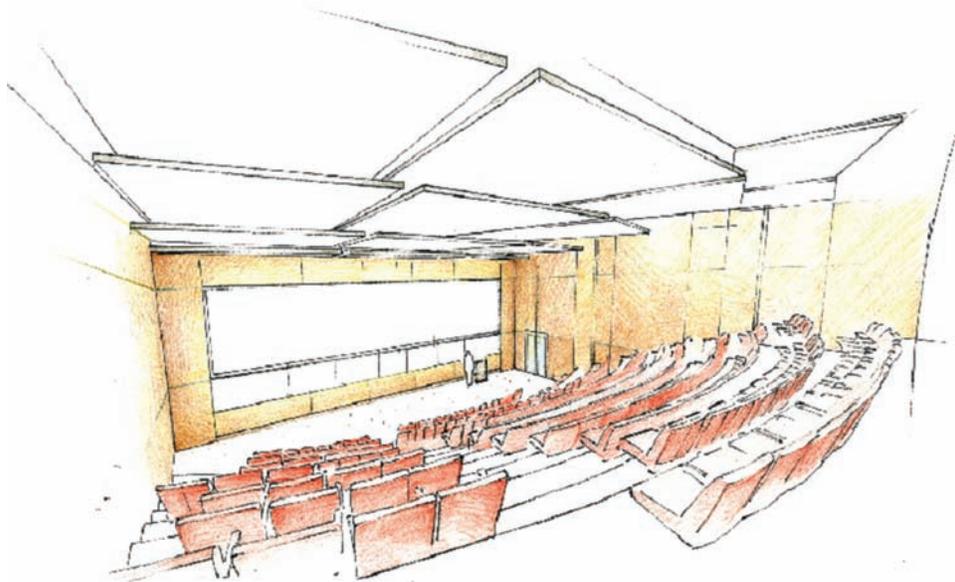
“I just can’t wait to get it built,” said Dr. James A. Harrell Sr. of Elkin, who, along with Dr. Charles “Chuck” Norman of Greensboro, chairs the Dental

we’ve never had before.”

Educational space will take up 27 percent of the building; research and lab replacement, 26 percent; and research and laboratory expansion, 9 percent. But it’s not just more space the School of Dentistry is gaining – it’s better space, envisioned, designed and carried out to encourage and enhance shared experiences among alumni, faculty, staff, students and patients.

Practitioners will be able to return to the corner of Manning and South Columbia for continuing education, reunions and special events. Faculty will teach in a 220-seat auditorium large enough for combined classes or in 105-seat lecture halls outfitted for state-of-the-art clinical presentations. Administration will centralize. Research scholars will benefit from collaborative spaces, state-of-the-art labs and improved communication that connect them to colleagues around campus or around the world. Students will learn in a new simulation laboratory facing Columbia Street and 32-seat seminar rooms, and enjoy improved lockers, spacious carrels, on-site food service and convivial places to study, talk or just plain relax. It’s a building that inspires, from the outside, in.

Claiming what is arguably the most strategic undeveloped real estate on Carolina’s health sciences “main street” and the last undesignated space available to the School of Dentistry, the Dental Sciences Building is an architectural showpiece. “It’s the cornerstone of South campus,” said Dr. Richard Hunt III of Rocky Mount, president of the Dental Foundation of North Carolina. “It gives us a visibility we haven’t had before – visibility that will bring us prestige within the national dental community.”



**Included in the Dental Sciences Building design is a 220-seat auditorium large enough to accommodate combined classes and two 105-seat lecture halls.**

Not anymore.

Today, the School of Dentistry is preparing to embark on a construction project that will add a new cornerstone of excellence – the 216,000-square-foot Dental Sciences Building (DSB). This facility’s design will enable the School of Dentistry to respond to the opportunities of the 21st century in dental education, research and service. The additional space also will enable the School to expand its DDS capacity to up to 100 students.

Sciences Building Campaign Steering Committee. “I’ve never seen a dental building like it. It’s beautiful. It’s well-designed. We’ve needed it for a long time, and we’re not the only people who think so. The State of North Carolina thinks we need it, and that’s why it’s giving us \$99 million to build it. Carolina thinks we need it, and it’s giving us \$20 million. We’ve [alumni and friends] got to come up with the last \$6 million, and we’ll be glad we did: This building will help create a sense of community



When completed, the Dental Sciences Building's towering multi-story glass atrium and restored front lawn will meet vehicle traffic coming to south campus. Pedestrians will enter from an arched walkway over Manning Drive or through a front door on Columbia Street. Both entrances will be located one level above the sky lit Dental Commons – the heart of the building. These light-infused interiors will create a building without walls: People inside can see outside, and vice versa, adding to the sense of community and shared experience.

### **BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE**

The process began in September 2008 to decommission and demolish the Dental Research Center and Dental Office Building. The Dental Sciences Building will connect to Brauer, Tarrson and Old Dental. Dean John N. Williams said that tangible connection was one of the most important features of the building, underscoring the School's missions and how they are related.

"The School of Dentistry's mission involves service, patient care, education and research. Whatever we accomplish in one of those four areas also informs the others. The access among all buildings reinforces that message to all faculty, staff and students in

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## **GOING, GOING, GONE**

The UNC School of Dentistry community had been prepared for the sounds of demolition but the sight proved even more impressive, as a large machine began the process of pulverizing the building in place during September 2008.

"The demolition equipment outside my fourth-floor window looks like the jaws of a mechanical dinosaur biting the Dental Research Center; its neck articulating as it tears off a piece," said Dr. Al Wilder, professor of operative dentistry at the School, as the demolition process began. "And then there's the noise, a loud thump as concrete hits the ground, and Brauer Hall shakes. This must be the UNC version of *Jurassic Park*."

Water was sprayed on the building as demolition took place to minimize the dust, said Al Elsenrath, Support Services director. No explosives were used in the process.

Once the Dental Research Center had been demolished, the resulting debris was used as in-fill, and the machine moved to the adjacent Dental Office Building for the same type of process.

This work is a part of the Dental Sciences Building project. The Dental Sciences Building will encompass 216,000 square feet of state-of-the-art educational, research and office and administrative space.

The School of Dentistry's research laboratory operations relocated from the Dental Research Center to Research Triangle Park in May 2008 in preparation for the decommissioning and demolition process. The RTP site is serving as a "home away from home" for the research laboratories as the new building is being constructed, said Dr. James Beck, associate dean for research.

The Dental Research Center was officially dedicated in October 1967. A one-story Dental Office Building was constructed in 1977, with two floors added in the early 1980s.





**LEFT:** The building will include an atrium and amphitheater, with a café to provide food service for students, faculty, staff and visitors (located to the left of this image).

**BELOW:** In the Dental Sciences Building’s “Main Street” is a multi-height atrium space that will run north-south through the building.



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our School community.

“The connection is a tangible reminder of how patient-centered research discoveries make their way from the DSB’s state-of-the-art laboratories to Tarrson Hall and other clinics. It’s a tangible reminder that what our students are learning in the innovative new classroom space will inform the patient care they provide in other School buildings.”

Innovation is also a word Dr. Janet Guthmiller, associate dean for academic affairs, uses to describe the DSB’s impact on tomorrow’s dental students. “Right now, I feel our present buildings confine us to certain parameters,” she said. “But we’re not willing to be stagnant. We want to see Carolina remain at

the top of dental education, and this building will allow us to use innovation to its best advantage in new educational methodologies.”

Changes are already in the works.

Guthmiller and her faculty colleagues are leading a curriculum revision – an initiative that explores opportunities for faculty to deliver education in different ways. The Dental Sciences Building will feature advanced electronics and technology that include motorized projection screens, projectors and a rear control booth, electronic lecterns with presentation controls – even surround sound.

More classes will be vertically integrated, incorporating

prospective dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants. “Previously when we had joint classes, we had to leave the building to go to a larger lecture hall,” said Dr. Sally Mauriello, director of the School’s Dental Hygiene Programs. “Integrated classes promote the dental team. If dental students know what hygiene students are being taught and that they’re taught at the same level, it promotes the vital role of each player.”

With the building in place, entering dental classes will have the potential to grow from 81 to up to 100 students, welcome news for Dr. Sharon Morgan of Greensboro, immediate past president of the Dental Foundation of North Carolina and recently

retired. “As North Carolina’s population continues to grow, it’s important for us to have an adequate flow of new practitioners to replace us,” she said. “We want to be sure we are comfortable with the dentists we’re turning our patients over to. It’s part of our professional responsibility to nurture the next generation of dentists.”

For community practitioners, the Dental Sciences Building will usher in a new era of continuing education opportunities. A 32-seat distance learning room will broadcast lectures and seminars over the Web or through a direct audiovisual feed. For those practitioners who come to Chapel Hill, some seminars previously held in the William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education could return to campus, joined by new courses. “You can’t offer a class on digital radiology at the Friday Center,” said Mauriello.

New continuing education classes come with a bonus, according to Hunt. “You can learn a technique and then go down the hall and, through a simulation experience, practice what you learned,” he said. “It’s great to have side-by-side learning going on. Dentists are lifelong learners.”

## WITH ROOM TO GROW

Education and public gathering spaces take up the lower two floors of the five-story Dental Sciences Building. Up above: the School of Dentistry’s research space.

Currently located in Research Triangle Park offices, research laboratory operations will return to the School in more visible ways than ever before when the Dental Sciences Building is completed. No more “ivory towers”: The building’s open atrium floor plan connects research scholars to every other academic endeavor in the School. “It’s unifying to pull research into this new building,” said Guthmiller. “In this setting, students and faculty will get a constant reminder that important research is going on here. Everything about our program will be more transparent.”

Better lab, office and conference space will enhance faculty recruitment and retention with wide-ranging benefits. “We have to face it: To be competitive in today’s economy and with what other universities can offer, it behooves us to provide an outstanding facility like the Dental Sciences Building,” said Dr. Nona Breeland of Chapel Hill. “We need every accoutrement to attract the

faculty members who will keep our School at the top of its game.”

Flexible, technologically advanced laboratory work surfaces will be configured according to the study at hand and then reconfigured with minimal change to power, data and building services. Adjacent conference rooms encourage face-to-face collaboration with technological links for colleagues around the state, nation or world.

Perhaps the best feature of the dedicated research area is the one that contains nothing at all: The entire fifth floor of the building is vacant to accommodate growth. “We need research,” said Hunt. “Sponsored dental research brings in 12 percent of our operating budget. It keeps our tuition and fees low – not to mention the dental advancements that come from the work.”

## A PLACE FOR YOU

School officials are hopeful that construction will begin in earnest in 2009, and fund-raising has just begun. Motivated by his satisfying career, campaign co-chair Norman wants to give back to the School that gave him his start. He encourages everyone to get involved with a gift at any level. “The School of Dentistry is only as strong as its support from alumni,” he said. “It’s important that those of us who benefited from our education contribute to this building. We simply don’t have a choice – this is a paramount need, and we’re the people to answer it.”

*For information on how to support the Dental Sciences Building project, please contact Brad Bodager, assistant dean for advancement, at (919) 966-4563 or [brad\\_bodager@dentistry.unc.edu](mailto:brad_bodager@dentistry.unc.edu).*

### Dental Sciences Building Space Allocation

(as currently planned)

■ 216,000 gross square feet	
■ Educational spaces:	27%
■ Research expansion:	9%
■ Research replacement:	26%
■ Office and administration:	19%
■ Building support:	19%



# Faculty & Staff Notes



## Dental Faculty Practice



**Wiley-Bell**

**Avis Wiley-Bell**, office assistant, was the School of Dentistry's volunteer recruiter for the June 2008 campus blood drive for the third

year. The School placed third in the Carolina Blood Drive, with 30 donors and 12 volunteers – the third year that the School has been within the top three in volunteers.



## Department of Dental Ecology

**Dr. Rick Mumford**, clinical associate professor, now directs the Dentistry in Service to Communities (DISC) Program and manages extramural student rotations.

In his DISC role, Mumford is developing clinical sites and initiatives related to recruitment, retention and recognition of preceptors and will work to advance the School's community outreach activities. Mumford joined the School's faculty in summer 2008. Dr. Eugene Sandler, who retired Jan. 1, 2008, as clinical professor within dental ecology, had previously served as DISC Program and extramural rotations director.



**Mumford**

**Dr. Lauren Patton**, professor, has been named interim department chair. Dr. Ronald Strauss, former chair, began work in September 2008 as the University's new executive associate provost. A search committee will lead an internal search for a permanent department chair.



**Patton**

**Patricia Poole**, visiting clinical assistant professor, was inducted into Sigma Phi Alpha, the National Dental Hygiene Honor Society. Poole also is a graduate of the UNC Dental Hygiene Programs and DATE.



**Poole**

**Dr. Janet Southerland**, clinical assistant professor, delivered the keynote address for the 2008 UNC Science Enrichment Program graduation ceremony in July 2008. Nearly 200 people, including SEP scholars, their family and friends and academic advisers, attended the event. Southerland advised scholars to be open to opportunities and possibilities and to be positive. Southerland also chairs UNC Hospitals' Department of Hospital Dentistry.



**Southerland**

**Dr. John Stamm**, Alumni distinguished professor and dean emeritus, was awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of Montreal in June 2008. The University of Montreal is Canada's largest French-language university. Stamm was recognized for his contributions to academic dentistry and to dental health policy development during his 14 years at McGill University, also in Quebec. Also cited were Stamm's contributions to dental epidemiology in the United States and Canada, his active promotion of international research collaborations and his 15 years of academic leadership as dean of the UNC School of Dentistry.



**Stamm**

**Dr. Tabitha Tavoc**, clinical associate professor, was selected to participate in the UNC Tar Heel Bus Tour, a campuswide initiative focused on helping new faculty gain a better understanding of North Carolina communities. The tour highlights UNC's public service commitment by promoting scholarship and service that is responsive to the concerns of the state. "The Tar Heel Bus Tour was an enlightening and fulfilling experience! It was a great opportunity to meet individuals from



**Tavoc**

various schools across the UNC campus. In addition, it established the necessary framework and requisite motivation for me to organize and engage in research projects to help minimize the health disparities of the citizens of North Carolina,” Tavoc said.

**Rebecca S. Wilder**, associate professor, has been named the School’s director of faculty development. She also continues her role as graduate program director for dental hygiene education and her teaching responsibilities.



**Wilder**

Within this new faculty development position, Wilder is responsible for chairing the Faculty Development Committee and overseeing the direction of professional development activities for full-time faculty. The director of faculty development position is based within the School’s Office of Academic Affairs.

The Dental Assisting Program, directed by **Ethel Campbell**, sponsored the fourth biannual National Dental Assisting Educators Workshop at the School in August 2008. This year’s theme was “Cultural Diversity in



**Campbell**

Education,” and the conference was attended by 30 dental assisting educators from across the United States and Canada. Speakers included School of Dentistry **Dean John Williams** and keynote speakers, Dr. Dave Brunson, associate director for the Center for Equity and Diversity at the American Dental Education Association (ADEA), and Dr. Anne Wells, associate executive director at ADEA. Other special guests included Kim Bland, president of the

American Dental Assistants Association, and Cindy Durley, executive director of the Dental Assisting National Board.



**Department of Diagnostic Sciences and General Dentistry**

**Dr. Jonathan A. Bregman**, adjunct assistant professor, received the Duke Comprehensive Cancer Center “Tree of Inspiration” in spring 2008. The tulip magnolia tree, located in the Seese-Thornton Garden of Tranquility, was formally unveiled in a ceremony before family, friends and colleagues. Each year, the Duke Cancer Patient Support Program honors a group or individual who has made a significant difference to the program. Bregman’s mother battled cancer for several years before dying from the disease, and his sister is a 20-year, six-time cancer survivor. Bregman has served in several leadership roles within the support program.

**Dr. Alice Curran**, associate professor, coordinated the Second Annual Oral Pathology Institute in July 2008. Thirty dentists and dental hygienists attended the two-day event, featuring topics in oral, head and neck pathology. Participants came from 16 states and Canada. Curran, the institute director, said the event will be offered yearly, and topics will change each year.



**Bregman**



**Curran**



**Murrah**

**Dr. Valerie Murrah**, chair, was installed as president of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial

Pathology (AAOMP) in June 2008. The AAOMP, founded in 1946, is the governing body for the specialty of oral and maxillofacial pathology. The organization’s mission is to contribute to the public’s welfare, to advance the specialty and to disseminate information about oral and maxillofacial pathology. Murrah is the first woman to serve as the organization’s president. She also was inducted into the Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine Hall of Fame in October 2008; she received her DMD degree from the university in 1980. She was elected vice president of the Intersociety Pathology Council in 2008, becoming the first dentist to serve as an officer in the organization. The IPC, formed in 1968, represents all pathology organizations in North America.



**Department of Endodontics**

**Dr. William Maixner**, professor and director of the Center for Neurosensory Disorders, gave a presentation on clinical symptoms and co-morbidities of temporomandibular joint disorder patients at the Fifth Scientific Meeting of the TMJ Association, held June 2008 in Bethesda, Md. The conference explored connections between TMJ disorders and other pain syndromes.



**Maixner**



**Department of Orthodontics**

**Dr. Sylvia Frazier-Bowers**, assistant professor, has received a grant from the National



**Frazier-Bowers**

Foundation for Ectodermal Dysplasias (NFED) titled "Genetic Determinants of the Phenotypic Variance in Ectodermal Dysplasias and Non-Syndromic Tooth Agenesis." The goal of this proposal is to identify novel genes that are responsible for variability in the number of missing teeth in people with ectodermal dysplasia (a syndrome that includes missing teeth) and in people without this syndrome who also have missing teeth.

**Dr. H. Garland Hershey**, professor, served as a site visit chairman and was named as a



**Hershey**

consultant to the Commission on Dental Accreditation and Licensure for the American Dental Association (ADA). Hershey now serves on the ADA's Review Committee on Postdoctoral General Dentistry Education, and on the National Advisory Board for the Institute for Health Protection.

**Dr. Ching-Chang Ko**, associate professor, has been awarded a K08 grant, "Engineering a



**Ko**

New Biomaterial for Stem-Cell Mediated Bone Regeneration," from the NIDCR. In addition, Ko has received a grant from the North Carolina Biotechnology Center for the development of the gelatin modified sol gel technology required for the synthesis of the bioceramic materials. This project is being conducted with Dr. Mark Luo, a materials chemist at North Carolina State University, and Dr. Timothy Turvey, chairman of the School of Dentistry's Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

**Dr. Ceib Phillips**, professor, was named interim department chair after Dr. Camilla Tulloch stepped down from this role on Oct. 3, 2008. Phillips also recently received the



**Phillips**

2008 Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Foundation (OMSF) Research Recognition Award. The award was presented at the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons' (AAOMS) annual meeting in Seattle in September 2008. The award recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the specialty through their participation in and support of research. Phillips, the first non-clinician and the first woman to receive this award, has collaborated with academic and community-based oral and maxillofacial surgeons on five clinical trial projects: four funded by the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research and one by industry. These projects have focused on improving the long-term outcomes following orthognathic surgery and assessing non-invasive therapies for altered sensation. Phillips also was named the School's first Working on Women in Science (WOWS) scholar, a campuswide initiative to support women in science.

**Dr. Camilla Tulloch**, immediate past chair, has been nominated for honorary membership in the British Orthodontic Society "in recognition of distinguished service to this society and to orthodontics in the USA." In addition,



**Tulloch**

she will present the Alton Moore Lecture at the University of Washington in honor of the graduation of the Class of 2008 and was selected for the Orthodontic Education and Research

Foundation of Saint Louis University's Merit Award "in recognition of exceptional achievement in orthodontics or associated sciences."



### Department of Pediatric Dentistry

**Dr. Jessica Y. Lee**, associate professor, received the 2008 Jerome B. Miller "For the Kids" Award at the 61st American



**Lee**

Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) Annual Session in May 2008. Healthy Smiles, Healthy Children: the Foundation of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry established the award in 2007 to honor the lifetime achievements of former AAPD and Healthy Smiles, Healthy Children president Dr. Jerome B. Miller. Procter & Gamble/Crest/Oral-B sponsors the award.

**Dr. Michael W. Roberts**, clinical professor, was elected in May 2008 to the Board of Directors



**Roberts**

of the Foundation of the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. The mission of the College of Diplomates of the ABPD is encouraging and promoting excellence in pediatric dentistry.



### Department of Periodontology

**Dr. Patrick Flood**, associate professor, is working with UNC School of Medicine researcher Dr. Jonathan Serody on a study examining the treatment and prevention of graft versus host



Dr. Eugene “Gene” Sandler officially retired from the School of Dentistry on Jan. 1, 2008, but he maintains his almost 30-year affiliation with the School as an adjunct professor. Sandler retired as clinical professor in the Department of Dental Ecology, and he also directed the DISC (Dentistry in Service to Communities) and extra-mural rotations programs. He also was formative in the development of ENNEAD, the School’s student-run volunteer organization, in 2003 and served as the organization’s faculty adviser. Dr. Kim Hammersmith, who received her DDS degree in May 2008, is now the faculty adviser and also an adjunct faculty member. Sandler is pictured with his wife, Gail, at a celebration in his honor, held in April 2008 at the newly renovated Campus Y building. Dozens of students, and faculty and staff members attended the event – and the University’s male a cappella group, the Clef Hangers, were on hand to sing songs including “Carolina in My Mind” and other favorites.

disease. Serody is working in collaboration with local



**Flood**

research company TheraLogics on the study, funded through an \$800,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health. Researchers from UNC, the University of Minnesota and the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle are also collaborating on the study. Flood is grants officer for TheraLogics.

**Dr. Steven Offenbacher**, distinguished professor, was named a Virginia Commonwealth University Alumni Star in May 2008. VCU recognized 14 of its most accomplished alumni during its spring commencement ceremony. The honor recognizes outstanding graduates who have made significant contributions in



**Offenbacher**

humanitarian achievement, professional achievement, community service and university service.

**Dr. Ray C. Williams**, chair and Straumann distinguished professor, received the American Academy of Periodontology’s



**Williams**

Gold Medal Award at the organization’s 94th Annual Meeting in Seattle. The honor, sponsored by Sunstar Suisse, SA, recognizes Williams for his outstanding contributions to periodontics.

The American Academy of Periodontology presented its Clinical Research Award to authors **Dr. Steven Offenbacher**, **Dr. Silvana P. Barros**, **Dr. Robert E. Singer**, and **Dr. Ray C. Williams**, from the Department of Periodontology. Other authors, from the Department of Dental Ecology, are **Kevin L. Moss** and

**Dr. James D. Beck**. The award is sponsored by Quintessence Publishing Company and honors an outstanding published scientific manuscript with direct clinical relevance and application to the practice of periodontics. The paper was “Periodontal Disease at the Biofilm-Gingival Interface,” published in the October 2007 issue of the *Journal of Periodontology*.



### Department of Prosthodontics

**Dr. Gregory Essick**, professor, received the 2008 William J. Gies Award for best paper published in the *Journal of Dental Research*



**Essick**

during the preceding year. Essick was the first author on a paper titled “Effect of Facial Sensory Re-training on Sensory Thresholds,”

resulting from a clinical trial funded through the National Institute for Dental and Craniofacial Research. Essick received the award during the International Association for Dental Research's 86th General Session and Exhibition's opening ceremonies in Toronto June 25, 2008.

**Dr. Ed Kanoy**, fourth-year DDS clinical education director, received the Richard F. Hunt Memorial Award for Excellence in Predoctoral Teaching at the



**Kanoy**

2008 Spurgeon Dental Society Annual Awards Banquet. The Hunt Award is the most prestigious teaching award given at the School of Dentistry, and recipients are nominated and selected entirely by students. At the banquet, Kanoy also received a faculty appreciation award from the fourth-year DDS class, the first students to experience the new fourth-year clinical educa-

tional model put in place during the 2007-08 academic year. "He is not only an excellent clinician but an excellent teacher," a Hunt Award nomination letter read. "He goes out of his way to accommodate students in order to fill the dental school experience with less stress and more learning. I have never seen him turn away a student who is in need of guidance or counsel. He has made me proud to be a part of UNC-SOD over the past four years." Kanoy also received the Hunt Award in 2000.

#### Office of Clinical Affairs

**Linda Stewart**, director of patient relations, will give a presentation on "Improving Patient Relations and Minimizing Practice Risk" at the 2009 British Dental Association Annual Session, to be held in June 2009 in Glasgow, Scotland.



**Stewart**

#### Office of the Dean

**Dr. John N. Williams**, dean, was elected a vice president of the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) at the organization's spring 85th Annual Session and Exhibition in Dallas. Williams joined the 11-member ADEA Board of Directors with his election to a three-year term as vice president for deans. Williams is a long-time member of ADEA and has served in numerous leadership positions within the organization: a member of the Clinical Simulation, Practice Administration and Academic Affairs sections and vice president of the Council of Sections (1996-99). Williams also has been involved with the ADEA Leadership Institute, serving as a mentor to incoming classes.



**Williams**

## *Dental Ecology Chairman Appointed UNC's Executive Associate Provost*



Dr. Ronald Strauss, a faculty member in the UNC School of Dentistry for more than three decades, left the School Sept. 1, 2008, to become the University's new executive associate provost.

In his new role, Strauss serves as chief deputy to Dr. Bernadette Gray-Little, the University's executive vice chancellor and provost. He is the liaison to the Appointment, Promotion and Tenure Committee and chairman of the Health Sciences Advisory Committee, Enrollment Policy Advisory Committee, Commencement Committee, Distinguished Chairs

**Martha Barbour**, departmental manager for Dental Ecology, presents to **Dr. Ronald Strauss** a certificate for an original artwork of **Franklin Street**. **Dr. Edward "Ned" Brooks**, a longtime UNC administrator and faculty member, is the artist.

# Wilder to Become New Admissions Dean

Dr. Aldridge “Al” D. Wilder Jr., a UNC School of Dentistry faculty member since 1976, has been named the School’s new assistant dean for admissions and student affairs.

His appointment will become effective July 1, 2009, when Dr. Albert D. Guckes returns to teaching, research and patient care. Guckes has served as assistant dean within the Office of Academic Affairs since 2003.

“I would like to thank Dr. Guckes for his attentiveness to our students’ accomplishments and concerns,” said Dr. Janet Guthmiller, associate dean for academic affairs.

Wilder’s responsibilities will focus on the DDS admissions process. He will provide additional leadership in the areas of DDS recruitment, admissions, enrollment, matriculation, graduation and student welfare. Wilder also will assist Guthmiller in the School’s ongoing DDS curriculum review efforts.

In the months before Wilder officially begins his work as assistant dean, he is transitioning into his new role by working with Guckes and other colleagues within the Office of Academic Affairs, Guthmiller said.



Wilder

Wilder, a professor in the School’s Department of Operative Dentistry, received his DDS degree from UNC in 1973. He entered private general practice that year, but returned to the School in 1976 as an assistant professor in operative dentistry. He was promoted to associate professor in 1982 and to full professor in 2000. Since 1983, he has directed the clinical research program in operative dentistry. For the past seven years, he has directed the preclinical course in operative dentistry, “Conservative Operative Dentistry.”

His honors include certificates of appreciation from eight

first-year DDS classes – including each class from 2002 through 2008. He also received a 2007-2008 Dean’s Excellence in Teaching Award. Guthmiller said that Wilder is highly devoted to working with DDS students and that his new role would extend that responsiveness to prospective dental students.

“Dr. Wilder will bring to this position his commitment and compassion for the UNC School of Dentistry. He is highly devoted to working with students. His enthusiasm and knowledge base of the programs at UNC will help us continue to recruit and admit the best students to the School, and I am looking forward to working alongside him in these efforts.”

Dean John N. Williams said Wilder had demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the School of Dentistry and to its continued leadership in DDS education nationwide.

Selection Committee and others. He succeeds Steve Allred, who left in June to become provost at the University of Richmond.

Strauss came to Carolina in 1974 and most recently held joint appointments in three schools – as Dental Friends distinguished professor and chairman in the School of Dentistry’s Department of Dental Ecology, professor in the School of Medicine’s Department of Social Medicine and clinical professor in the School of Public Health’s Department of Epidemiology.

From 1977 through 2008,

Strauss was the dental director of the UNC Craniofacial Center, and he has also served as president of the American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association, receiving its Distinguished Service Award and Honors of the Association. A 1978 recipient of the School of Dentistry Community Mentor Teaching Award, he was a member of the inaugural UNC Faculty Engaged Scholars Program of the Carolina Center for Public Service in 2008.

His research has focused on the social impacts of chronic health problems, particularly

dental conditions, craniofacial anomalies and HIV/AIDS. Dental alumni provide for the Dr. Ronald P. Strauss Community and International Health Award to support students’ understanding of the social and cultural influences on health care.

Strauss earned a bachelor’s degree in biology from Queens College, his doctor of dental medicine degree from the University of Pennsylvania, and a subsequent master’s degree and doctorate in sociology, also from the University of Pennsylvania.

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AL ELSENRATH  
*School of Dentistry Support Services Director*

# Elsenrath Brings Enthusiasm, Energy to His Support Services Leadership

By Deb Saine '87

Actor Clint Eastwood made the line famous in his movie *Heartbreak Ridge*, and UNC School of Dentistry Support Services director Al Elsenrath tries to live it every day: “Improvise, adapt, overcome.”

He has plenty of opportunity to do so within the School’s fast-paced environment. In just the last year, Elsenrath has worked with University and School officials to coordinate the decommissioning and demolition of the 40-year-old Dental Research Center and the Dental Office Building, establish temporary research laboratory operations at Research Triangle Park and begin a multi-year construction project that will result in a 216,000-square-foot Dental Sciences Building.

Throughout all of that, he and the department’s staff members have overseen the day-to-day operations of about 315,000 square feet of dental school space.

“I have worked closely with Al for the past 10 years and have been impressed with his ability to prioritize projects and requests,” says Dr. Ken May, the School’s vice dean. “Over those 10 years, he has been instrumental in

getting our facilities ready for the 2003 accreditation site visit, in overseeing the renovations of Old Dental and Brauer Hall and in the development of construction documents for the Dental Sciences Building.”

The School’s plans to build a state-of-the-art clinical facility, dedicated as Tarrson Hall in 1997, was “the draw that got me here,” says Elsenrath. He arrived at UNC in August 1991 after retiring from a 20-year career with the U.S. Navy which, interestingly, he began as a dental assistant. After about 18 months in that role, he joined the Navy’s select specialty group of dental equipment repair technicians.

Those years featured constant change and leadership in an impressive array of projects. At one point, Elsenrath served as project manager for what was then the second-largest dental clinic in the Navy: Naval Dental Command in Norfolk, Va. Eventually, he was assigned to the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, where he directed a dental military construction program for clinics worldwide.

That’s where Jack D. Voight, Support Services manager for the School of Dentistry, found him. Voight was retiring and wondered

if Elsenrath knew of someone who was retiring but wanted to continue managing dental facilities and equipment. “I just happened to be retiring the same month that he was. It was meant to be. University life was so close to the military life that I was used to. I didn’t even apply for another job.”

Elsenrath’s work on the Tarrson Hall project began immediately after he arrived. Then, central sterilization was assigned to Support Services; the School supported the purchase of state-of-the-art equipment and an increase in this unit’s size. (“We have one of the best sterilization instrument distribution units in the country,” he says. “We’re still looking to improve it.”)

During the Tarrson Hall project, the patient simulation laboratory also received a major renovation. Then, the pediatric dentistry and orthodontic clinics were finished. Old Dental and Brauer Hall then received renovations. Now the site work for the Dental Sciences Building is continuing, and construction is scheduled to begin in 2009.

“I welcome the Dental Sciences Building. This is my biggest challenge and project of my professional life. I will not see



a larger one, ever,” says Elsenrath, adding that the “tying together” of educational and student-centered space, research laboratories and preexisting dental school buildings makes the project unique.

Elsenrath looks back on his time in the Navy and has an enduring appreciation for the many places he saw and the change he experienced. He says he has appreciated the same dynamic of change at the School of Dentistry: “My wife and I liked the Navy because we moved frequently. It was a real challenge for us to stay in the same place after 10 years here [the Chapel Hill area]. I realized, though, that there was so much change occurring within the School, I didn’t have to move to see the change. It would come to me.”

## PROFILE

**Place of birth:** Natrona Heights, Pa.

**Age:** 56

**Hobbies:** Golf, working on cars and music. Related to music, Elsenrath and his wife, Theresa, attended “the first hard rock concert in our life” in 2007, when they saw the double bill of Poison and Cinderella in Raleigh.

**Family:** Wife, Theresa; two adult daughters, Lori Young and Brandy Elsenrath; and three grandchildren.

**First job:** “Probably selling vegetables” from his family’s garden plot when he was 13 years old.

**On the Support Services staff:** “I believe the 13 Support Service staff members have played an instrumental part in the School’s growth and development. Each member brings a unique perspective and qualification that contributes in bringing about successful outcomes whether it involves a clinical support program, administrative support or a facilities/equipment project. The School is fortunate to have such dedicated staff members, who are constantly searching for ways to improve the teaching experience for the students.”



# Student Notes

Students from the School of Dentistry spoke with state legislators and attended a meeting of the North Carolina Senate's standing health care committee as a part of the American Student Dental Association chapter's first State Lobby Day in June 2008. The School's ASDA chapter, in conjunction with the North Carolina Dental Society, organized the event. During the day, students shared information

about the School of Dentistry and issues related to providing oral health care for the state's citizens. Students participating included **Anna Evans, Ryan Londry, Chris Powell, Chris Planer, Rachel Locey, Rochelle Wilk, Katherine Sloan, Christian Johnson** and **Alice Ma.**

Miles for Smiles, a student organization at the School of Dentistry,

sponsored a road race whose proceeds benefited the UNC Craniofacial Center. The first annual Cleft Palate Gallop 5K took place on the University campus in September 2008, starting and finishing at the Old Well. Miles for Smiles promotes good health through running and supports the UNC Craniofacial Center. "Our organization was launched on the tenets of fitness and increasing access to care for craniofacial patients," said **Dr. Keith Nicholson**, the organization's co-president and also an AEGD resident at the School of Dentistry. "Running took on a whole new dynamic when it morphed into a fund-raiser for the UNC Craniofacial Center. There are a host of expenses with treating craniofacial patients, and our money goes directly to financing these costs, such as operating room expenses." Nicholson said 199 people registered, and the event raised about \$2,800.

Five North Carolina Schweitzer Fellows representing the UNC Schools of Dentistry and Medicine presented a workshop in October 2008 to offer ideas on healthy habits. The event was for families whose children attend Learning Together, a nonprofit organization in Raleigh dedicated to providing innovative and culturally diverse learning experiences and support for



The 2008 Malawi Project team stands at the scenic Cape of Good Hope, South Africa, a promontory believed to have been first circumnavigated in the late 1400s. The four DDS students spent five days in the nearby Cape Town before traveling to Malawi for almost three weeks of service and outreach. They assisted dental practitioners at Kamuzu Central Hospital in the capital city of Lilongwe and also provided service, patient care and education at a nearby district health center, an orphanage and a rural hospital. "This project was an invaluable and irreplaceable experience for the four of us," said team member Alex Gause. "We were able to not only witness the dire need the developing world has for proper dental care, but also lend a helping hand in actually providing that care. It was an eye-opening experience in that it made me very aware of the public health problems facing developing nations, and it showed me that there is a lot that we can and should do to help these nations confront these issues." Pictured, left to right, are Alexis Corbitt, Tiffany Williams, Alex Gause and Oscar Mvula.

Ten UNC dental students took part in the Mexico Project in summer 2008, a privately funded UNC School of Dentistry initiative now in its 21st year. The experience offers first- and second-year dental students an opportunity to learn about the health care system of Mexico and to provide dental education and assist in dental procedures. The 2008 team included: Arthur Reynolds, Brittany Semones, Pearly Shah, Christian Johnson, Christopher Planer, Jessica Oliver, Patrick Galloway, Paola Uceda, Tyler Elison and Maggie Wright (pictured at the far left, first row, with Mexico City orthodontic residents and fellow UNC team members). During the week within Mexico City, the students visited hospitals and dental clinics, observing complex oral surgeries and asking questions of dental and medical practitioners. The team also visited Miacatlan, a small town in southern Mexico; they spent two weeks providing dental supplies, education and care to about 600 children at the Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos orphanage. They also enjoyed a few days of sightseeing before returning to the School. "I hope I never forget the humbling perspective I gained over the summer," said Wright. "The resiliency of the kids we were able to care for and spend time with reminded all of us what is truly important in life."

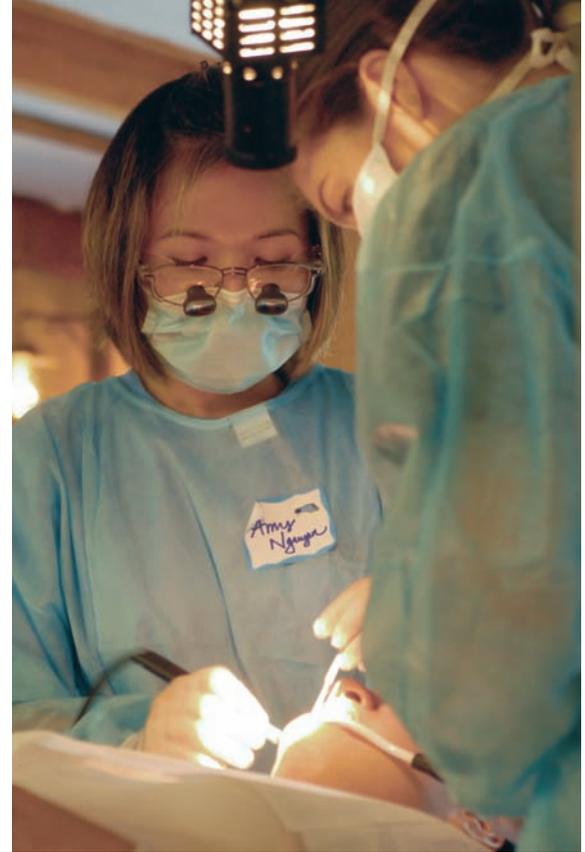


children with disabilities, children who are typically developing and their families. About 20 families, including between 10 and 15 children, attended the workshop. Student fellows leading the program were **Nurica Good** and **Avni Patel**, fourth-year dental students; and medical students **Kerry Colby**, **Courteney MacKuen** and **Amy Marietta**.

**Jonathan M. Reside** and **Kathryn "Katie" Hawn**, both fourth-year dental students, received scholarships from the Hinman Dental Society at the 96th Thomas P. Hinman Dental Meeting, held in March 2008. Hinman Scholars are invited to attend the Thomas P. Hinman Dental Meeting in Atlanta, where they receive their awards at a special luncheon. **Dr. Ken May**, the School of Dentistry's vice dean, attended the recent meeting to congratulate and support the School's scholarship recipients. Individual schools nominate students for the scholarships, and

the student nominees must be junior student members of the American Dental Association, as well as in the top 10 percent of their class. Reside received the School of Dentistry's 2008 Omicron Kappa Upsilon Excellence in Student Research Award for his table clinic titled "Ik-B $\alpha$  and Cell-Mediated Bone Repair: Preliminary Results." He also has received the North Carolina American Association for Dental Research's Alumni Award for Excellence in Student Research. Hawn was a 2007-08 Schweitzer Fellow; the North Carolina Schweitzer Fellows Program selects the fellowship recipients, who create and implement projects that help improve quality of life for underserved populations. The 2008 Hinman meeting was forced to close early for the first time in its 96-year history when a tornado hit Atlanta and caused extensive damage to the Georgia World Congress Center and Omni Hotel at CNN Center.

**Justin Valentine**, a third-year dental student, participated in the 44th Annual Dental Students' Conference on Research in Gaithersburg, Md., in March 2008. Valentine was the School of Dentistry's representative to the conference, which is sponsored by the American Dental Association through its ADA Foundation and is supported by Johnson & Johnson Oral Health Products Division. The event included an interactive poster-discussion session, allowing participating students to present the results of a recently completed research project. Valentine's research involves the enzyme lysyl oxidase, which catalyzes the cross-linking of collagen in the extra-cellular matrix. Valentine is "trying to determine its binding domain to a growth hormone, transforming growth factor beta, which is over-expressed in certain cancers, such as oral cancer."



# School Partners with MOM Program for Free Dental Clinic

*255 Patients Treated*

The UNC School of Dentistry sponsored a two-day clinic in Hillsborough on Oct. 10 and 11, 2008, that provided free dental care for an estimated 255 patients.

The dental clinic, held at the Big Barn Convention Center, was in partnership with the N.C. Missions of Mercy (MOM) portable free dental program, a branch of the Open Door Dental Clinic of Alamance County. The UNC Dental Alumni Association provided funding for costs associated with the event, and the St. Matthew's Episcopal Church of Hillsborough provided food and volunteers.

Dr. John Buchanan, president of the UNC Dental Alumni Association, recalls how thrilled the Dental Alumni Association Board of Directors was to learn of the students' desire to help address the access-to-care issue by participating in the project. "We felt honored to be able to support the dental students and faculty in providing care to those who otherwise might

not be able to afford essential dental services. Their spirit of community service embraces the highest ideals of the dental profession. Learning to help others is an essential part of the dental

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President, UNC Dental Alumni Association

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Patients were treated on a first-come, first-served basis, with registration beginning at 6 a.m. Light blue and white balloons greeted patients outside the clinic doors.

UNC School of Dentistry students provided patient care, with faculty members also providing treatment and assisting the students. School of Dentistry staff members and undergraduate pre-dental students from area universities also volunteered.

Savannah Gelesko, third-year dental student and project manager for the UNC MOM clinic, estimated the number of dental assisting, dental hygiene, dental and graduate student volunteers at more than 180 and the number of student volunteer hours at 809.

Dr. Ken May, the School's vice dean, was one of the faculty members on hand for the clinic's duration to assist students. "I continue to be impressed with the number of students who want to be involved with such activities," he said in an e-mail to student volunteers after the event. "You are all to be commended, and I hope these same concerns regarding access to dental care will be carried with



you into your practices upon graduation.”

Students, through the School’s student-led volunteer organization ENNEAD, largely coordinated the event.

In fact, the UNC School of Dentistry-sponsored clinic in Hillsborough was the first such event planned with this level of School of Dentistry student coordination – “from planning stages all the way through to the finish,” said Dr. Steven D. Slott, founder and president of the Open Door Dental Clinic.

“Over the past 10 years, the Open Door Dental Clinic of Alamance County has enjoyed a very supportive and cooperative relationship with the UNC School of Dentistry through its volunteer student organization, ENNEAD,” Slott said. “Outreach-minded School officials have provided an abundance of help and support for the program, working with the Open Door Dental Clinic to ensure that students would be able to participate and provide quality, supervised dental treatment in

each of the more than 50 Missions of Mercy portable free dental clinics that have been held throughout the state.”

ENNEAD recruits dental, dental hygiene and dental assisting student volunteers to serve North Carolina communities by providing free dental care, athletic mouthguards, and oral health education at various events.

Dean John N. Williams said ENNEAD’s ongoing involvement with the N.C. MOM program has given students a critical perspective on the challenges people face in accessing dental care. He added that he appreciated both the leadership they demonstrated in organizing student volunteers for this and other outreach efforts and the commitment of faculty and staff members and alumni.

“Our students demonstrate a true commitment to helping their fellow citizens,” Williams said. “We want to teach students the values, skills and knowledge they will need to sustain and improve the oral health in their communities as practitioners and also encourage that compassion and

involvement they show toward making a difference in the lives of other people.”

Gelesko, who spent the first day of the clinic working with MOM leaders to ensure that every detail was coordinated properly and the second day providing patient care, has been involved with the MOM program since she was a UNC undergraduate and member of the University’s undergraduate pre-dental honor society, Delta Delta Sigma.

“It’s so important, one of the most important things we can do for people with the training we have been given,” she said, describing the MOM program. “You can see that you are really making a difference in someone’s life. The other aspect is, you see how great the need is and that you must continue to work at these clinics and show the same initiative in your own practice after you graduate to help the people in your community.”



# UNC General Alumni Association Recognizes Citineni for Achievements

## Profile

### THE CLASS OF 2012

Total accepted: 81

N.C. residents: 72  
Out-of-state: 9

Women: 39  
Men: 42

Caucasian: 52  
African-American: 8  
Asian-Pacific Islander: 11  
Latino: 2  
American Indian: 2  
Other: 6

Science GPA: 3.41  
Non-science GPA: 3.59  
DAT Academic Average: 19

Top majors represented:  
Biology (36)  
Chemistry (7)  
Business (3)  
Microbiology (3)

N.C. counties represented: 28

The UNC General Alumni Association has presented Sindhura Citineni, a third-year dental student at the UNC School of Dentistry, with a 2008 Distinguished Young Alumni Award.



**Citineni**

Citineni was one of two UNC alumni who received the honor at an Oct. 3, 2008, banquet in their honor.

“The remarkable accomplishments of many of Carolina’s younger alumni are truly inspiring,” said Douglas Dibbert, association president. “The GAA delights in presenting each year the Distinguished Young Alumni Awards to those who have made our alumni and our University so proud.”

Citineni graduated in 2004 with her bachelor’s degree in business administration. As an undergraduate, she was moved by images of starving people in her native India to found Hunger Lunch, a program that serves lunches of beans and rice weekly on campus to drive home the food plight of many of the world’s poor.

With support from UNC’s APPLES (Assisting People in Planning Learning Experiences in Service) program, the Carolina Center for Public Service and the Campus Y, Hunger Lunch became the first undergraduate international hunger-relief organization on campus.

In its first year, the project raised more than \$7,500. Citineni and another student used that money to set up a Nutrition House in her native city,

Hyderabad, India, where a high-protein, high-calcium drink was served to children.

Through the UNC business-plan competition Carolina Challenge – a student-led program that is part of the Carolina Entrepreneurial Initiative – Citineni and other students expanded Hunger Lunch into the nonprofit Nourish International. They took second place in the challenge’s social-enterprise category and developed their ideas through the Kenan-Flagler Business School’s “Launch the Venture” course. The business school presented Citineni with its Outstanding Young Alumni Award in 2007.

Nourish International has established nine long-term, sustainable development projects in impoverished communities, including a micro-irrigation project in the Bolivian Andes and community food plots at elementary schools in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Headquartered in Chapel Hill, the organization has 23 chapters at universities across the United States and plans to expand. This year the North Carolina Peace Corps honored Nourish International with the North Carolina Peace Prize for excellence in cross-cultural solutions and sustainable development.

Since 1989, the General Alumni Association’s Distinguished Young Alumni Awards have recognized alumni aged 40 or younger whose accomplishments have brought credit to the University.

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# New Year, New Building to Support

Dear Friends:

Autumn has always struck me as a season of preparation. Nature, in its falling leaves and in the activities of our birds and other creatures, shows us just how much activity is involved in preparing for the future.

Well, this autumn, a group of people who deeply value the UNC School of Dentistry launched a truly exciting initiative with preparation for the future in mind. This is our concerted effort to help the alumni and other supporters of this wonderful School learn more about what the UNC Dental Sciences Building will do for dental education and how they can be a part of the joy of bringing this facility to life.

The Dental Sciences Building Campaign Steering Committee members have given freely of their time and wisdom to get us to the point of launching this fund-raising campaign. Dr. Chuck Norman and I are chairing the steering committee, and I can tell you that it has been both an honor and a privilege to work with Chuck, Dean Williams and Brad Bodager and with the committee members. Through our meetings over the summer, Chuck and I heard our fellow committee members ask questions and share their own excitement about the Dental Sciences Building. We count ourselves very fortunate to go forward with their guidance.

The Dental Sciences Building Campaign Steering Committee continues to work hard to organize events and gatherings where alumni and friends can learn more about the UNC Dental Sciences Building project and how they can support this great facility. Our committee has set a fund-raising goal of \$6 million.

The Dental Sciences Building will have 216,000 square feet of education, research and

office and administrative space when completed in late 2011. We established world leadership in dental research, which has been housed in a 40-year-old building that was antiquated and had inadequate space. Approximately one-third of this new building will be set aside for research.

And just imagine returning to the School to hear a renowned expert in dentistry speak that evening in the 220-seat auditorium. Or catching up with a classmate you haven't seen in a while in the new atrium – with a café conveniently nearby.

Best of all, when I think about this new building, I think of how the new classroom space will enrich the lives and the education of the students who learn at our dental school and the faculty and staff who support them.

All of us know a lot of great education took place in the two Quonset huts that constituted the dental school's first buildings. Our School has a remarkable tradition of excellence in education, wherever it took place.

But we all know, too, that technology and research are bringing changes to the practice of dentistry, and it's a remarkable opportunity to create a new building that will prepare our young people and support faculty – with classrooms that have the most up-to-date technology and flexibility.

I well remember the days when North Carolina did not even have a dental school. Now look where we are! Thank you for all you are doing to support the UNC School of Dentistry and its missions of education, service, research and patient care.

*James A. Harrell, Jr.*

James A. Harrell Sr., DDS  
Dental Sciences Building Campaign Steering  
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## WHAT IS THE DENTAL FOUNDATION OF NORTH CAROLINA?

Chartered in 1950 by the UNC School of Dentistry's founders, the Dental Foundation of North Carolina is the School's non-profit foundation. It raises funds from alumni, friends, corporations and foundations to provide exclusive support for students, faculty and programs at the UNC School of Dentistry. Assets in the Dental Foundation are overseen by its Board of Directors, most of whom are UNC School of Dentistry alumni. All contributions to the Dental Foundation of North Carolina are tax deductible and are, in short, contributions to the UNC School of Dentistry.



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### SAVE THE DATE

The UNC Dental Alumni Association will sponsor its breakfast and annual meeting at the 2009 North Carolina Dental Society Annual Session at Myrtle Beach, S.C. This alumni event, at which the association's officers and board members also will be elected, will be 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. May 17. There is no fee, but registration is required. Please call (919) 966-4563 for more information.

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# Class Notes

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## 1968

**Ted Roberson, DDS**, has been elected president-elect of the International College of Dentists' USA section. The organization is "dedicated to the recognition of outstanding professional achievement and meritorious service and the continued progress of the profession of dentistry for the benefit of all humankind." About 5,000 of the ICD's 12,000 members worldwide are in the United States. Roberson assumes the presidency at the 2009 American Dental Association's annual session. He has given updates in clinical operative dentistry in Lima, Peru, and Santiago, Chile, among his ICD-related professional activities.

## 1977

**David J. Dobson, DDS**, sold his practice in Chapel Hill in March 2008 and is "now happily retired."

**Charles "Chuck" Norman, DDS**, was installed as a trustee of the American Dental Association district during the ADA's 149th Annual Session in October 2008. Norman, who practices general dentistry in Greensboro, N.C., will serve on the ADA Board as

the trustee from the 16th District (representing Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina.) The ADA Board formulates and reviews policies and programs and makes recommendations to the members of the ADA's governing body, the House of Delegates. His previous ADA roles include chairing the Council on Dental Practice, the Well Being Committee and the Dental Practice Indicators Committee. He was also a member of the ADA Committee to Study Alternative Pathways for Dental Hygiene Training. Norman served as a delegate to the ADA House for 14 years.

## 1982

**John F. Saunders, DDS**, has a new book, *The Last Spartan*, which Savage Press published in May 2008. He is now working on a sequel to the book.

## 1983

**G. Bennett Smith, DDS**, and **Lynette Laylon Smith, DDS**, were awarded Fellowships in the International College of Dentists on Oct. 17, 2008, in San Antonio, Texas. Dr. Ben Smith is the immediate past president of the UNC Dental Alumni

Association and serves on the North Carolina Dental Society's Board of Trustees. Dr. Lyn Smith currently serves on the UNC Dental Alumni Association's Board of Directors and is a past president of the North Carolina Academy of General Dentistry. They have practiced general dentistry in Mount Airy, N.C., for 18 years.

## 1993

**Stanley K. Gordon, DDS**, was selected for promotion to captain in the U.S. Public Health Service. Gordon is the chief of the Health Services division and senior dental officer at the Coast Guard Integrated Support Command Alameda (Calif.).

## 1999

**Frank A. Clayton, DDS**, recently completed a trip to Germany for Kettenbach GmbH, a German dental materials manufacturer. He held a meeting, in German, for clinicians and professors who are testing a new polyvinyl/polyether. He then traveled to Long Beach, Calif., to give the same presentation to U.S. dentists who are evaluating the product. He currently practices in Suwanee, Ga., and has

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presented lectures on practice management and marketing.

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**Keri Williams Gore**, BSDH, and her husband, Jon, welcomed their son, Owen Zachary, on May 6, 2008.

## ■ ■ ■ 2003 ■ ■ ■

**Nicole K. Williams**, DDS, and BSDH '99, and her husband, Chris, welcomed their son, Colin Gabriel, on April 16, 2008. "Big Brothers Alexander (4) and Drew (3) are thrilled!"

## *In Memory of*

**Lyle Ellis Crumpler**, DDS '67, of San Antonio, Texas, passed away June 9, 2008. A Rocky Mount native, Dr. Crumpler graduated from UNC in 1964 and went on to earn his DDS degree. He practiced general dentistry in Rocky Mount for seven years before joining the U.S. Army Dental Corps in 1975. He retired from the Army in 1994. Dr. Crumpler was married to Velma J. Crumpler and had two sons, David C. Crumpler and Wyatt L. Crumpler, and three grandchildren and two step-grandchildren. Dr. Crumpler was a lifetime member of the UNC Dental Alumni Association.

**Clyde N. McCall**, DDS '54, of Blowing Rock, passed away Feb. 18, 2008. In 1950, Dr. McCall graduated from Berea College in Berea, Ky., and he went on to graduate as a part of the UNC School of Dentistry's first DDS class. His father, Charles S. McCall, DDS, inspired all four of his sons and two grandsons to follow in his footsteps and become dentists. Dr. McCall



May 2008 marked the 50th anniversary of the UNC School of Dentistry's first graduating class in dental assisting. The UNC Dental Assisting Alumni Association celebrated the occasion with a luncheon in the School's alumni garden. Those attending enjoyed a continuing education program prior to lunch, and new officers for the association were elected at a brief business meeting. Charyl Allison, Class of 1981, was elected president. Naza Ramirez-Guerra, Class of 2002, was elected treasurer. In the front row, left to right, are: Tara Copeland, Class of 2007; Jennifer Kruszewski, Class of 2007; Ethel Campbell, Dental Assisting Program director; Amy Nguyen, Dental Assisting faculty member; and Jeanette Merritt, Class of 1995. In the second row, left to right, are: Reggie Cook, Class of 1997; Marsha Black, Class of 1998; Lynn Smith, Dental Assisting faculty member and Class of 1977; Charyl Allison; and Naza Ramirez-Guerra. In the top row, left to right, are Kim Baines, Class of 1986; Sara Massey, Class of 2007; and Karen Bullock, Class of 1984.

practiced general dentistry in the town of Stanley for 41 years. He contributed generously to the community through his profession, his church and numerous civic projects. He was married to Joan Evans McCall and had one daughter, Leslie McCall. Dr. McCall retired from dentistry in 1998 and, with his wife, moved to Blowing Rock, where he enjoyed taking nature photography and hiking mountain trails.

**Dorothy Herring Rodgers**, DH '55, of Statesville, passed away July 28, 2008. Mrs. Rodgers graduated in the first UNC dental hygiene class and practiced dental hygiene in Statesville for 30 years. She worked for Dr. W.C. Current, Dr. Donald Cheek and her husband, Dr. James F. Rodgers, who graduated in the DDS Class of '56. Mrs. Rodgers also served a year as an instructor of dental hygiene and had been a past member of the American Dental Hygienists'

Association. She also was interested in music, with membership in the MacDowell Music Club and former membership in her church choir. Survivors include her husband; her son, John Herring Rodgers; two granddaughters and a grandson.

**Ludwig Gaston Scott**, DDS '54, of Burlington, passed away July 26, 2008. Dr. Scott was a member of the UNC School of Dentistry's first DDS class. A retired dentist, he had spent many years as an adjunct faculty member at the School of Dentistry. He was a member of the North Carolina Dental Society and attended the annual meetings until his health prevented him from continuing. He also served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Dr. Scott's survivors include his sons, Mack L. Scott and Dr. Fred D. Scott; his daughters, Kathryn Scott Mitchell and Dawn Scott-Raxter; and three grandchildren.

## *Pediatric Dentistry Endowment to Support Graduate Education*

The Phillip Caldwell and John Christensen Graduate Fellowship Fund within the UNC School of Dentistry is now an endowment, officials from the Department of Pediatric Dentistry and the North Carolina Academy of Pediatric Dentistry announced at an early October 2008 reception.

The fund became endowed at the \$100,000 level and will provide support for graduate education for future pediatric dentists, said Dr. J. Timothy Wright, department chair and Dr. James W. Bawden distinguished professor of pediatric dentistry.

Drs. Robert Moran and Richard Brooks, School of Dentistry classmates and DDS graduates of the School, established the fellowship fund to honor the teaching excellence of Caldwell and Christensen, both

of whom have educated hundreds of students and residents at the School. Moran and Brooks have a private practice in Cary.

More than 35 individuals contributed to the fellowship fund honoring Caldwell and Christensen.

Both honorees are graduates of the School of Dentistry's graduate program in pediatric dentistry. Christensen also completed the School's graduate program in orthodontics. Caldwell has practiced pediatric dentistry in Fayetteville since 1974, and Christensen has practiced both pediatric dentistry and orthodontics in Durham since 1986.

"They have imparted their warm interpersonal approach to teaching and their highly effective educational styles to help prepare

students to provide excellent oral health care to children for over 20 years," said Wright.

Dean John N. Williams, the honorees and their family members, fund contributors, Moran, Brooks, Wright and members of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry attended the reception.



**Drs. John Christensen, left, and Phillip Caldwell**



Kelly Almond, who was named executive director of the UNC School of Dentistry's Dental Alumni Association in 2004, left the School in August 2008 to become assistant director of development for the University's Morehead-Cain Foundation. This foundation administers the Morehead-Cain Scholarship, a full, four-year merit award that includes four summer enrichment experiences and a laptop computer for each recipient. A drop-in reception was held for Almond, pictured here with Vice Dean Ken May, at the School of Dentistry to thank her for her many accomplishments. She joined the School in 2001.

### *Please Save the Date*

#### **'Decisions about Dental School' Luncheon**

The UNC Dental Alumni Association is pleased to sponsor the Decisions About Dental School (DDS) Luncheon, where School of Dentistry officials will offer information on dentistry as a career.

The April 24, 2009, event is open to all dentists in the state and their designated family members or other guests who are interested in dentistry.

The luncheon will begin at 11 a.m. and will include presentations about the UNC School of Dentistry, as well as admission, application and financial aid processes. Currently enrolled dental students will offer their perspective on the "dental school experience," and the event will conclude with a question-and-answer session. The cost will be \$35 per person.

For more information, please contact the Dental Alumni Association at (919) 966-4563 or [alumni@dentistry.unc.edu](mailto:alumni@dentistry.unc.edu).

## WHY I GIVE

# Douglas, DDS '58, and Ursula Young

### COUPLE PLEDGES 'HISTORIC' GIFT TO BENEFIT DDS SCHOLARSHIPS

Dr. Douglas Young, DDS '58, spent close to two decades chairing the Educational Awards Program for the Winston-Salem Rotary Club. That experience showed him the profound difference scholarships make in helping talented young people

pursue their academic dreams.

He started to wonder, he says, what kind of difference a scholarship would make in a dental student's life. "I knew that the expenditure to go to dental school for four years had to be enormous. I knew there had to be a lot of deserving young people for whom this would not only make it easier for them to go but could possibly make it possible for them to go."

Dr. Young looked back on his days as a dental student, when playing tenor sax with dance bands on the weekend contributed valuable funds for his own dental education. And so it only seemed fitting that on the occasion of Dr. Young's 50th class reunion (Oct. 3 and 4, 2008), it was announced that he and his wife, Ursula, were pledging \$500,000 to the Dental Foundation of North Carolina to endow the Dr. Doug and Ursula Young Scholarship.

The Youngs were unable to attend the reunion, as Dr. Young is recovering from an illness. He retired in 1994 from his practice in Winston-Salem, where he and his wife live.

The Young gift represents the largest gift of scholarship funds ever received at the School, Dental Foundation officials report. The Dr. Doug and Ursula Young Scholarship will support

five annual scholarships to dental students exhibiting academic merit and financial need, with an emphasis on financial need.

"Each year a new cohort of Young Scholars will be grateful to their benefactor, and once graduated from the School and in practice themselves, they will have an even greater appreciation for the generous financial support awarded to them at one of the most critical and career-shaping times of their lives," says Dr. John W. Stamm, Alumni distinguished professor and former dean. Dr. Young had spoken at length with Dr. Stamm about the dental scholarship idea over the years – and Dr. Stamm once hosted the Youngs' nephew from Germany for a tour of the School.

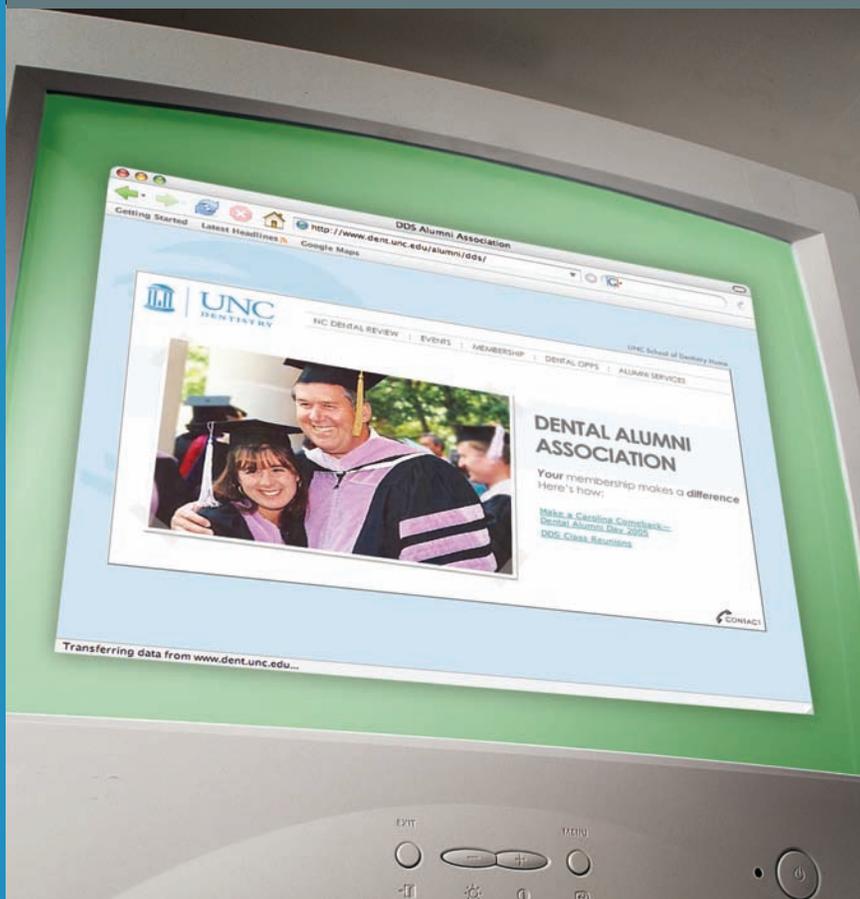
"He is devoted to his school," Mrs. Young, who grew up in what was then East Germany, says of her husband. "He has told me so many stories from his days in Chapel Hill. Whenever a friend from Germany would come to visit or my niece or nephew, one of the first weekends, we would go to Chapel Hill."

Part of that devotion is the friendships he formed with the other members of his class. "I was with a great bunch of fellows," Dr. Young says. "It was a privilege for me to be associated with them."

Douglas and Ursula Young  
with their dog, Radar



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**Dean John C. Brauer retired the year before the Dental Research Center's dedication, but he had been instrumental in this building's creation. He is pictured at the DRC's dedication on Oct. 15, 1967, and Dean James W. Bawden said to those in attendance, "... one person stands as having had the vision, as serving as the catalyst, and as providing the driving will to succeed. And that person is, of course, Dr. Brauer himself." After supporting the School's national leadership in dental research for more than 40 years, the Dental Research Center was demolished in fall 2008 to prepare the site for the Dental Sciences Building. Dean Brauer's son, Dr. Jim Brauer, visited the School in the fall to present a watercolor portrait of his father, and the School community gathered to see the portrait unveiled.**

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